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## Board receives financial update

By Ryan Drago  
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HARDWICK – Town Administrator Justine Caggiano shared a financial update with the Select Board during the Sept. 15 meeting.

Caggiano has come across some financial issues the town has had the previous year. The unemployment budget had to cut \$12,000 and this year includes a large unemployment invoice.

Caggiano said she is looking to see if the board will vote to pay with funds from the Sewer Enterprise Fund. This year the invoice is in the amount of \$21,305.61. The board decided to table this discussion until their next meeting.

Caggiano also said the town has come across some financial discrepancies. For example, there are some incorrect pay rates in the financial software. There are also incorrect deductions from Worcester County Regional Retirement. On a positive note, Caggiano said the town has caught up on some discrepancies and the Other Post-Employment Benefits trust has been fixed as well.

Caggiano wants the town to implement some personnel policies. Bankruptcies and delinquencies have been gone through as well. Some outstanding checks were fixed and issues with veterans' benefits are being fixed.

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Fire personnel stand for a moment of silence during the town of Ware's 9/11 remembrance ceremony on Sept. 11.



Fire Department Chaplain Joe Vecchione said a prayer.

## WARE NEVER FORGETS 9/11



Firefighter/EMT Sean Flynn struck the bell to signify the loss of firefighter lives.



Turley Photos by Paula Ouimette  
Fire Chief Jim Martinez thanked all who joined the town in remembering the events of Sept. 11, 2001.

WARE – The community and town officials joined members of the Fire Department last Thursday morning, for the 24th anniversary of the attacks on Sept. 11, 2001.

Fire Chief Jim Martinez thanked all for attending and Chaplain Joe Vecchione said a prayer, followed by the Firefighter's Prayer.

Firefighter/EMT Sean Flynn then struck the bell five times for four sets, symbolizing the loss of firefighter lives, which was followed by a moment of silence.

## Investigation results release discussed

By Paula Ouimette  
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WARE – The School Committee addressed concerns raised during the public comment period regarding the release of the results of the independent investigation into allegations made against former superintendent Dr. Michael Lovato.

"It's the right for the taxpayers to know," resident Jessica Rohan said at the Sept. 10 meeting. "I think you have teachers still in these buildings that lived through this for a whole year...I think it's their obligation to get that investigation and have you guys put it out so people can read it."

School Committee Chair Brian Winslow said the results of the independent investigation would not be released at this time. He said he has not read the results yet, and neither have the other members of the School Committee.

He said the investigation contains information that could potentially cause harm to the people interviewed.

"Those are people that are probably friends

Please see **RESULTS**, page 15



Tiffany Desrosiers of Fine Design Solutions is shown with her plush crocheted animals.

## Ware Fall Fair

Annual event draws crowd to Meeting House

WARE – It was a perfect late summer day and the shoppers came out in full force to support the annual Ware Fall Fair held on the grounds of the Ware Center Meeting House and Museum, 295 Belchertown Road, this past Saturday.

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Jessica Potter of Junk It Up Crafts! in Warren displayed a custom journal made using repurposed materials.

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The New England Digital Accordion Orchestra will perform at concert dedicated to the memory of the late Stanley Midura.

## Digital Accordion Orchestra Concert

Tribute to Stanley Midura to be held Oct. 5

**HARDWICK** – Sam Falcetti, internationally recognized accordionist and music educator, will conduct the 20-member New England Digital Accordion Orchestra in concert at the Stone Church Cultural Center, 283 Main St., Gilbertville on Sunday, Oct. 5 at 2 p.m.

The program of popular and ethnic music is dedicated to the memory of beloved founding member and Gilbertville resident Stanley A. Midura (1938-2017). Stanley played the accordion his whole life; driving to Springfield for lessons as a youth.

Presenters Friends of the Stone Church will serve snacks at a reception following the concert, which is free to all. Donations to help finish stabilizing the building are appreciated.

Anselmo (Sam) Falcetti formed NEDAO, the nation's

first-ever digital accordion orchestra, in 2015. Falcetti started playing accordion at ten and was teaching by age 16. Earning his bachelor's in music theory and composition from the University of Hartford, he taught accordion through his own studio,



Submitted Photos  
The late Stanley Midura is shown in a circa 1960s photo.

at Holyoke College, and at Westfield State University.

Forming an ensemble of graduate accordion majors who twice performed at Carnegie Hall, Falcetti became known among professional educators and performers for his pioneering championship of the instrument. His Springfield Accordion Orchestra performed at the 1970 World's Fair and internationally.

A mentor to students

and other music educators, Falcetti also founded his eponymous music store, a leading source of instruments and music education in Western Massachusetts and Connecticut

The modern digital accordion, essentially a portable piano with responsive bellows, is capable of producing all the sounds and sound effects of its acoustic predecessor. A prominent Celtic accordionist was recently overheard saying "the accordion is a dangerous instrument in the hands of the wrong person." Stanley Midura was one of the right people. One of his friends remarked "He will be playing Polish music for the angels."

This concert is supported in part by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency. For more information about this support and the New England Digital

Accordion Orchestra, contact samfalcetti@gmail.com..

FOSC, a non-profit organization, presents a series of ticketed and free concerts and silent films and is in the process of stabilizing and preserving its 1874 landmark building, formerly the Gilbertville Trinitarian Congregational Church. For information about concerts and to donate, visit [www/FriendsoftheStoneChurch.org](http://www/FriendsoftheStoneChurch.org).

# Are You Old News?



If you recognize the folks in this week's photo, please send their names and your full name to [pouimette@turley.com](mailto:pouimette@turley.com).

Each week the Ware River News digs into its submitted photo archives and selects a people photo to publish. We need your help to help identify those pictured.



File Photo  
Last week's photo from 1989 showed Ware High School Principal Peter Thamel presenting "Student of the Month" awards to Dawn Dugay, Katrina Ackerman, Michael Avery and Jamie Rivers.

## Good Neighbor Day will be held on Sept. 27

**WARE** – The Quaboag Hills Substance Use Alliance, the Town of Ware and Healthy Quaboag will host the first ever Good Neighbor Day in Ware event on Saturday, Sept. 27.

All are invited to come out for a day of activities to celebrate the community.

An adults versus kids kickball game will be held from 2-4 p.m. with free ice cream at Grenville Park, 73 Church St. A movie screening of Disney's "Cars" will be shown in the park from 6-9 p.m.

This event is weather dependent and there is no rain date.

## Grange hosts seed saving/food preservation workshop

**WARE** – Ware Grange's next gardening workshop, "Seed Saving and Food Preservation," will be held on Thursday, Sept. 18 at 7 p.m. at the Grange Hall at 297 Belchertown Road.

The presenter will be Roberta McQuaid, author of the weekly "In the Garden" column for Turley Publications.

As the growing season

comes to a close, it's time to store what you can for the winter months and save seeds to grow next year. Participants will discuss some techniques including roasting peppers, saving tomato seeds, and curing squash and onions.

Visit Ware Grange on Facebook or at [ware-grange.org](http://ware-grange.org) for more information.

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## Ware Senior Center news

WARE – The Ware Senior Center, located at 1 Robbins Road, is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

The thrift store is open each of those days from 9 a.m.-noon. Donations to the store are only accepted by Sue LaBarge, who can be reached by calling 413-544-1574.

### ACTIVITIES

#### Monday, Sept. 22

9 a.m. Tai Chi  
10 a.m. Scat  
11:30 a.m. Lunch

#### Tuesday, Sept. 23

9 a.m. Exercise at Valley View Housing  
9 a.m. Movin & Groovin to the Oldies with Lisa. \$3 per class.

9:30 a.m. Quilting Club  
10 a.m. Scat  
11:30 a.m. Lunch  
1 p.m. Cornhole  
5:30 p.m. Scrapbooking. \$3 per class

6 p.m. Pitch (Doors open at 5 p.m.)

#### Wednesday, Sept. 24

9 a.m. Tai-Chi  
10 a.m. Scat  
11:30 a.m. Lunch  
1 p.m. Chair Yoga  
12:30 p.m. Knit-Crochet-Laugh

#### Thursday, Sept. 25

9 a.m. Walking Club. Participants should meet at the Senior Center.

9 a.m. Exercise at Valley View Housing

9:30 a.m. Line Dancing for Beginners

10 a.m. Line Dancing

10 a.m. Scat

11:30 a.m. Lunch

1 p.m. Cornhole

2:30 p.m. Art Class

#### Friday, Sept. 26

9 a.m. Tai Chi

10 a.m. Scat

11:30 a.m. Lunch

1 p.m. Chair Yoga

6 p.m. Pitch (Doors open at 5 p.m.)

### LUNCHES

#### DINE IN 11:30 a.m.

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#### Monday, Sept. 22

Mississippi Chicken, Scalloped Potatoes, Veggie of the Day, Dessert of the Day

#### Tuesday, Sept. 23

Lazy Golumbki, Tossed Salad, Dessert of the Day

#### Wednesday, Sept. 24

BBQ Pork Loin, Mashed Potatoes with Gravy, Dessert of the Day

#### Thursday, Sept. 25

Brunch  
French Toast, Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, Dessert of the Day

#### Friday, Sept. 26

Veal Parmigiana with Pasta, Tossed Salad, Dessert of the Day

## Parks Commissioners select bathroom location for park

By Paula Ouimette  
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WARE – At their September meeting, the Parks Commissioner selected the location for new year-round bathrooms at Grenville Park.

At the Sept. 8 meeting, the commissioners reviewed two potential locations for the bathrooms; with one close to where they used to be located (until a tree destroyed the roof and they needed to be demolished) and the other near the staff offices.

Parks Manager John Piechota said that both locations passed a perc test, and would require a similar amount of work in order to be ready to construct the bathrooms.

Piechota and the commissioners agreed that the location of the old bathrooms was more centrally located, and more easily accessible for park users. More tree work would be required for the location by the staff office.

The commissioners voted to set the location of the new bathrooms near their old site.

Town Manager Stuart Beckley said the town will need to send a letter to the National Heritage & Endangered Species Program

due to the presence of rhododendron, but this should not impact the location of the bathrooms. He will now notify the project engineer to move forward with creating a septic design for the bathrooms.

### Other improvements to Grenville Park

Piechota said his department removed the old bocce court and horseshoe pits and will re-seed the T-ball field. Benches were also replaced, as well as the boards on some of the picnic tables.

A recent storm only brought down one tree near the upper exit of the park on Church Street.

### Memorial Field update

Piechota said the turf at Memorial Field has been seeded and the next step is to fertilize it.

“Everything’s seeded and you’re in good shape on that end,” he said. “It’s really growing good.”

Piechota said two bags of grass seed were donated to the project by the athletic boosters club, and the others were purchased by the Parks Department.

Piechota said there were some issues with Memorial Field’s new irrigation system

due to damaged electrical solenoids from either a power surge or lightning strike. He said the irrigation system company provided six new valves and since they’ve been installed the system has been running well.

Bids have gone out for the seasonal bathroom project at Memorial Field and should be returned by mid-October.

### Town pool/ playground update

Piechota said the Highway Department will be assisting the Parks Department with the demolition of the playscape at Beauregard Memorial Playground near the Reed Municipal Pool.

He said they will see what parts of the playscape are salvageable and could be re-used for the future playscape at the playground.

On Sept. 16, the commissioners will join the Selectboard in discussing the replacement of Reed Municipal Pool, which was estimated to cost close to \$4 million when a study was completed years ago.

Piechota said they will still need a cost analysis to look at how much funding it will take to operate and staff the pool.

“We still have a lot of unknowns,” he said.

## Friends of Ware Senior Center announce fundraisers

WARE – The Friends of the Ware Senior Center will be offering a raffle of a Philips 65-inch flat screen TV, (4K UHD), with tickets available at the Thrift Store in the Ware Senior Center, 1 Robbins Road, Monday through Friday from 9 a.m.-noon.

Raffle tickets are \$5 per ticket and the drawing will be held on Dec. 15.

The Friends are also selling their lotto calendars now until Oct. 31. Tickets are \$10 per lotto calendar and people have a chance to win every day in November.

Lotto calendars can be acquired at the Ware Senior Center, Nat Falk, Crystal Springs, Ware Library and the Ware branch of the North Brookfield Savings Bank. Ticket stubs and payment need to be placed in the drop off box at the Ware Senior Center.

## Police officers pinning ceremony takes place Sept. 21

NEW BRAINTREE – Hardwick New Braintree Police Department officers received promotions.

On Sunday, Sept. 21 at 11 a.m. an official pinning ceremony will be held at the New Braintree Town Hall, 20 Memorial Drive. Officers being promoted include: Lieutenant Kevin Landine to rank of Chief; Sergeant Robert Toupin to the rank of Lieutenant and Corporal Ryan Gentile to the rank of Sergeant.

## Paige Memorial Library hosts musical duo Sultana

HARDWICK – On Saturday, Sept. 20 at 1:30 p.m., the Paige Memorial Library will bring the musical duo Sultana to the Hardwick Town House to present “History and Legends through Song.”

The program of songs, history and slides with fascinating historical or legendary people and events features Massachusetts history, ancient Mesopotamia, an Arthurian legend, the Old West and a renowned radio broadcast, bringing history and entertainment together.

The duo Sultana is Jon and Li Waterman, both lifelong musicians and songwriters.

Jon is a licensed history teacher, who believes that throughout the ages, songs, stories and theater have made history entertaining.

The program is supported in part by a grant from the Hardwick-New Braintree Cultural Council, a local agency, which is supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency. Admission is free and the event is open to the public.

Pre-schoolers are invit-

ed to the Paige Library, 87 Petersham Road, on Wednesdays for Story Time at 10:30 a.m. to meet and play and then enjoy stories at 11 a.m. with art and science projects to follow.

For more information and to sign up to hold a place, people may either call 413-477-6704 or email Director. paigelibrary@gmail.com.

The library is open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2-7 p.m., Wednesdays from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

## Senior center hosts free Information Fair Sept. 24

BARRE – The Barre/Hardwick Senior Center, 557 South Barre Road, invites the public to a free Information Fair on Wednesday, Sept. 24 at 10 a.m.

Come explore an exciting range of local resources and discover the wealth of information, services, and opportunities available in our community. Attendees will have the chance to: learn about local businesses and community organizations, explore educational programs and services, connect directly with experts

in the field and meet neighbors and strengthen community connections

This fun and informative event will also feature raffle prizes, and no registration is required. The Information Fair is free and open to all members of the public.

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# viewpoints

## GUEST COLUMN

### Commemorating National Recovery Month

By Patrick J. Cahillane  
Sheriff, Hampshire County

Last month, I received word that the National Commission on Correctional Health Care, an organization recognized as one of the strictest of the many oversight agencies that monitor correctional practices in the country, has, after a stem-to-stern audit in July, re-accredited the Hampshire Sheriff's Office's Opioid Treatment Program.

The 46-page accreditation report shows that we were in 100% compliance with all 42 standards applicable to facilities of our size. This accreditation will be valid until Aug. 31, 2028.

As we commemorate September as National Recovery Month, I want the residents of Hampshire County to know that the goals of our Opioid Treatment Program are saving and improving lives, reducing crime and recidivism, and helping our clients re-enter their communities and re-join their families in better health than when they arrived at our facility.

In addition to praising the teamwork and spirit of camaraderie they experienced during their visit, our NCCHC auditors noted that the relatively small size of our facility enhances our ability to achieve positive results because there is less internal bureaucracy than at larger facilities, which enables our team of professionals to devel-

op better relationships with our patients and be more responsive to their individual needs.



Since earning our federal license in October of 2021, 644 individuals have been treated at our facility and have had access to the community support services we offer at the Northampton Recovery Center and Ware Recovery Center. Of those 644, only 115 have returned to our facility, giving us hope that there are 529 men, or 82 percent of our OTP participants, who are currently traveling in a better direction than the one that landed them in jail in first place.

Our results continue to show great promise, and we will continue to operate our OTP, and all our programming, in a manner that meets or exceeds the standards set by the federal, state and local agencies that routinely audit our operation. I appreciate the meticulous review of our OTP and thank the NCCHC for their stamp of approval.

I am enormously proud of all our staff, but especially the members of our OTP Team for their outstanding, and life-changing, work.

Recovery requires teamwork, among HSO staff, the men in our programs and our partners in the community. I believe the results of this re-accreditation audit demonstrate that the Hampshire Sheriff's Office is moving in the right direction and remains a steadfast ally in the struggle against opioid addiction.

### Plant exodus, coming soon

Just this past week I put a call in to the herb gardeners at Old Sturbridge Village where I work part time.

I asked them to let me know they'd like me to deliver the pots and soil for the annual "exodus." We will be moving the tender perennials from their summer residence in the herb garden to my domain, the maintenance department's greenhouse.

There are some wonderful and very familiar plants in our living collection: rosemary, bay, lemon verbena and scented geraniums are some of my personal favorites.

Before the interpreters dig up the plants, I always ask that they give them a bath to cut down on the number of insects that will be brought into the greenhouse. For the home gardener this is equally important.

I say "bath" because my pesticide of choice is a natural and fairly benign one- made of potassium salts of fatty acids (soap) that weaken the insect's outer shell and cause dehydration. It is sprayed on leaves and stems until they are soaked, and can be reapplied every seven-10 days as needed.

This product is especially effective on insects that make their home on herbs and houseplants: whitefly, aphids and mealy bugs.

Once the insects have been eradicated, it is time to get out the shovel and get to work digging up and repotting the plants. You will be amazed at how large some of them can become after only a few months in the ground.

It is important to salvage as much of the root ball as possible to minimize the shock of being potted up. To do this, position your shovel along the "drip line" of the

plant and dig straight down, completely around its circumference. After you've made your way around, get your shovel underneath and lift.

one giveaway is leaves covered in a sticky, shiny sap called honey dew.

Try to "Q-tip" individual insects with rubbing alcohol or use insecticidal soap or horticultural oil to smother larger infestations. If the bugs have been active for awhile, sooty mold may have formed. This thick, black coating will likely need to be scrubbed off leaf by leaf to allow the plant to photosynthesize properly.

To have success overwintering scented geraniums (Pelargonium spp.) indoors, situate them in bright light where daytime temperatures are 65-70 degrees, and night temps are in the 50s. Fertilize every other month during the fall and winter.

Smaller leaved varieties will be easier to manage; large leaved cultivars will get top-heavy quickly- take terminal or "tip" cuttings of these instead.

Lemon Verbena (Aloysia triphylla) may start out looking great, but a month or so into indoor culture will likely begin to lose its leaves. Fear not, leaf drop is completely normal and to be expected! You may be tempted to throw it out; instead, position in a sunny spot, water as needed and await new growth in the spring.

Enjoy your favorite tender herbs over the winter and again come springtime and summer when they return to the garden.

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### Levi's first mountain

By Julie Midura  
Correspondent

I knew going into this hike that it would require a strategy. You see, our energetic 3-year-old grandson, Levi, can play outside for hours, but walking uphill for long distances isn't his strong point. Peaked Mountain in Monson is not a long or strenuous hike, but when you're not even 3 feet tall, even 475 feet of elevation gain can feel like Mt. Everest.

He started strong, making it to the frog-filled pond with ample energy, but about a third of the way to the top, he said, "Memere, pick me up."

Since carrying my 28-pound grandson to the summit was not what I had in mind, I decided to utilize every ploy in my arsenal to ensure that he would hike the trail under his own power. I implemented Ploy #1... distraction.

"Let's look for the red blazes on the trees," I said. Levi inched his way forward in search of the large red painted circles marking the trail. "I see one!" he exclaimed each time he saw a blaze. This only distracted him for a distance of three blazes, so I needed a new distraction.

I asked him if he wanted to be a big boy and use one of my trekking poles like the 'real hikers' do. His eyes lit up. I shortened one of my poles and showed him how to use it. He wrapped his

tiny hand around the handle, and for the next 5 minutes, he was so busy staring at the tip of the trekking pole with each step forward that he kept tripping on it.

Whereupon he decided to use the pole for more entertaining purposes. He wielded it over his head like a light saber in order to strike every

large boulder he happened upon. Then he transformed it into a javelin to pierce mushrooms with. And finally he turned it into an excavator to dig in the mud and dirt.

In between the trekking pole fun, he found boulders to climb on, rocks to throw, branches to hang from, and long sticks to drag behind him. With all of the distractions, it was slow going, but at least he was moving upward on his own 2 feet.



Levi enjoyed his first hike at Peaked Mountain in Monson.



Submitted photos  
Levi joined his grandparents Julie and Tom on a hiking adventure.

Until, that is, the trail became steeper, and he suddenly proclaimed, "I can't do it."

It was time for Ploy #2 - discoveries.

"Look, Levi! There's are more mushrooms up ahead. Let's go see them!" "What kind of animal do you think made the hole in that stump?" "Check out this stack of rocks! It's called a cairn." "Oh look! A sign! Do you want me to read it to you?"

With each step, Levi's interest was piqued, his imagination increased, and his self-confidence soared. All the way to the very top of the mountain, at 1,227 feet!

Levi seemed less than impressed with the views,

but very excited to celebrate his victory with mini muffins and apple juice. Once he had popped the last muffin in his mouth, he was off like a rocket, exploring the summit. We allowed him the freedom to test his abilities. Levi climbed, jumped and scrambled over numerous boulders. He tripped, then righted himself. He learned what his 3-year-old self was capable of.

When he asked Tom and I if we could play hide and seek, we happily obliged. Tom and I spent close to an hour taking turns hiding so that Levi could find us. However, I drew the line when he said, "I'm going to hide by myself, and you and grandpa can come find

me." Sorry little man, unless you're wired with a tracker, that's not happening!

When it was finally time to head down, Levi once again asked me to carry him. So I resorted to Ploy #3... bribery. "Levi, if you can make it all the way down to the trailhead on your own two legs, we can stop for an ice cream on the way home."

Needless to say, the vanilla ice cream with rainbow sprinkles sure hit the spot!

Spending time in nature is crucial to a child's physical health, as well as for their emotional and intellectual development. The best way for children to grow up to be healthy, well-rounded individuals with a strong sense of independence and compassion is to get them off of the screens and into nature. The benefits of outdoor play cannot be understated.

A child needs unstructured time to explore their natural environment. They need to be encouraged to play in a stream, walk through the woods, dig in the dirt, go fishing, or even climb a mountain. Many important life skills that children will need as they grow into teens and adults can be learned through outdoor activities-skills such as multi-tasking, troubleshooting, planning and prioritizing. Outdoor play also helps to build self-confidence, independence and self-esteem. It decreases stress, and increases attention, focus and motivation. I encourage every parent and grandparent to do everything you can to get the children in your life outdoors. Teaching children to appreciate our natural world and all of its wonders is one of the most amazing gifts that you can give them!

# Donation connects neighboring historical societies

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**HARDWICK/WARE** – Last week, Hardwick Historical Society President Randy Noble was joined by Ron Newton to deliver a sleigh and carriage to the Ware Center Meeting House and Museum to become part of the Ware Historical Society's permanent collection.

The sleigh and carriage had both been donated to the Hardwick Historical Society, but due to space limitations, its members decided to gift both of them to the Ware Historical Society.

"We said, 'let's give it to Ware,'" Noble said.

On Friday morning, Noble and Newton went to a shed located on Highland Terrace and Gilbertville and retrieved two carriages donated to the Hardwick Historical Society through the estate of Charlie Angell. One of the carriages will remain in Hardwick's collection and the other, a buckboard carriage bearing the manufacturing tags of the Ware-based Charles S. Parker Co., began its journey back to the town where it was made.

Ware Historical Society President Julie Bullock said the Charles S. Parker Co. was located on Pleasant Street in Ware, and was known for the manufacturing of carriages and sleighs. It is said the Parker Street was named after him.

Bullock said not much else is known about Parker or his company, but that she will continue her research to give a more detailed background about the sleigh and carriage.

Noble and Newman also stopped at the home of Harry and Michelle Webb where they secured a sleigh also made by the Charles S. Parker Co. This sleigh had



Turley Publications Photos by Paula Ouimette  
Julie Bullock, president of the Ware Historical Society, is shown with Hardwick Historical Society President Randy Noble and Ron Newton. Noble and Newton delivered a sleigh and buckboard carriage made by the Ware-based Charles S. Parker Co. to the Ware Center Meeting House and Museum to be added to the society's collection.



The buckboard carriage was stored in a shed in Gilbertville before being moved to the Ware Center Meeting House and Museum where it will be displayed in the carriage house.

LEFT: Eagles adorn the front of the sleigh.



Both the sleigh and carriage bear the manufacturing tags of the Charles S. Parker Co.

been stored on the second story of the Webb's barn for the past 30 or so years after being donated to the historical society by Jerry Reilly.

Noble said the sleigh will need some restoration, but the buckboard carriage is only missing its seat. He said having the original manufacturing tags increases the

value of both the sleigh and carriage.

Bullock expressed her gratitude for the donation from the Hardwick Historical Society, and said both the sleigh and carriage will be stored inside the carriage house, which was built using wood from the Ware-Hardwick Covered Bridge.



ABOVE: This buckboard carriage was one of two carriages donated to the Hardwick Historical Society from the estate of Charlie Angell.



LEFT: This carriage was also part of the estate of Charlie Angell and will remain with the Hardwick Historical Society.



Ron Newton secured the buckboard carriage on his trailer.



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## Selectmen spoke about possible police department location

By Ryan Drago  
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WARREN – The Board of Selectmen discussed a possible police department location during their comments and concerns segment.

Jim Fountain came up to speak to the Selectmen and see if they would consider looking at the bank building in the center of Warren as a possible location for the police department. As of now, the police are stationed in the Town Hall building as the town continues to have public meetings about a public safety complex.

Fountain currently owns the bank building property that used to house a Cornerstone Bank location. The owner hired a structural engineer who conducted a study on the building, and Fountain had information to share with the board to see if they will give the building another look.

“Our needs are a police station right now,” Fountain stated.

Fountain also asked the board if they knew if any grants were available for towns to refurbish old buildings. After getting this study done Fountain believes the bank building would be considered as a possible “Plan B” for the town to consider as a home for the police department.

In his point of view, Fountain believes the building can be refurbished into a police station. What the board highlighted is in today’s standards there are risk level four building requirements. Fountain still wanted to know if the town could ask the public if they thought the bank building would be considered.

Town Administrator James Ferrera said the town has been talking about getting a new police station since 1991. However, Ferrera mentioned that there are more options out there for

the Town to explore.

“The plan has several different components to it,” Ferrera said.

The next public meeting about the proposed public safety complex meeting will be on Saturday, Sept. 27 at 1 p.m., held at the Shepard Building Gym. The town is waiting on the public to further share their input and needs to be engaged in the continued conversation.

Ferrera says they’re working hard to give options and advise the residents on what is going on to find a feasible location.

The study that was done in identifying options for a public safety complex cost the town nothing and there are three choices to look at. However, what seems to appear as a big concern to the residents of Warren is one of the three options being a public safety complex that will cost around \$30 million, and how it impacts their taxes. More information on the options will be addressed during the Sept. 27 meeting.

The board wants to follow procurement laws and wants to know would it take to bring a building up to code to house a town department, such as police and fire. The study was done by Tecton Architects, who have conducted conceptual designs for a public safety complex in three potential locations in Warren.

Warren Fire Chief Adam Lavoie commented and says the town is trying to look at the best options possible that are sellable to the town and taxpayers.

“Look for an option that both departments can look for,” Lavoie said.

The study gave the Town of Warren a starting point, and now through public meetings and conversations, the town is looking to reduce the ideas to the best option possible. The Selectmen and town officials are encouraging people to share input, and the meetings are there to

allow that liberty.

The big detail that Warren wants to understand is that whatever route they go, it is going to cost money. The board asked Fountain if he could contact the engineer to see if the building could be brought up to code. The Selectmen would like to have the engineer present and explain the feasibility that was done on the bank building.

Resident of Warren, Ray Kopacko, came up to comment and knows there’s a lot to go over and there needs to be a good selling point that would get the town to vote on any option.

“This meeting on the 27th is going to be dramatically important,” Kopacko said.

The board hopes to learn more about this study on the bank building at their next Board of Selectmen meeting.

### Contract amendment

The board discussed a proposed contract amendment (time of performance) between the town and Weston & Sampson for work being done on the Town Common Improvement Project. Ferrera said the company needs more time to finish the work they’ve done and have the contract extended to Sept. 30 of this year.

The Selectmen approved the contract amendment with Weston & Sampson.

### Purchase offer for 38 Elm St.

The Selectmen reviewed offers that were made for the purchase of the property on 38 Elm St. The town received three different offers, and all were cash offers. Ferrera said the property was cleaned up and is being sold as is. The highest offer was in the amount of \$151,000.

The board feels there is no need to wait for more offers and they voted to accept the highest offer of \$151,000.

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There were five vendors at the first Friday Farmer’s Market, hosted by Warren Parks & Recreation.



## Farmer’s Market held on Warren Common

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WARREN – This past Friday was the first Friday Farmer’s Market on the Warren Town Common.

This event is presented by the Warren Parks Department and will be a weekly event on Fridays throughout the month of September. This past farmer’s market featured five vendors, music, and a sunny afternoon on the Town Common.

Members of Warren Parks & Recreation said if the farmers market continues to grow, they will offer more weekly markets in the month of October. The vendors consist of crafters and local farms.

There was Fountain Farm as one of the vendors and kids were helping out by selling crochet pumpkins and bracelets. The Warren Parks & Recreation Department had a booth of their own sharing information, including future events.

Another vendor was Kasey’s 3D Prints. There were a lot of unique designs that were 3D printed. With Halloween happening next month, Kasey had some cool decorative 3D prints of ghosts and pumpkins. There were also 3D prints of dragons, dinosaurs, sharks, and other animals.

Deer Meadow Farm of Warren as a local vendor offering samples of pure maple syrup and maple cream. There was plenty of delicious maple syrup for sale and maple cream. Deer Meadow Farm is operated by the Julian family, Richard, Debra and Kylee, and they were excited to be out on the Town Common for the farmer’s market.

Attending their second farmer’s market is Snaps Landscaping & More of Holland. In addition to Snaps, there is also Our Daughter’s Farm operated by the Nappi family. Steve Nappi has worked in lawn care for several years and runs a farm with his family.

Nappi said Warren Parks & Recreation reached out to them prior to the first Friday Farmer’s Market. Their stand featured maple syrup, eggs, corn and honey. Nappi was joined by his daughter Cam and his wife Kayleigh.

The next farmer’s market will be on Friday, Sept. 19 from 4-6 p.m. on the Warren Town Common.

Warren Parks & Recreation will be



Steve Nappi, left, Cam Nappi, and Kayleigh Nappi of Snaps Landscaping & More and Our Daughter’s Homestead attended the Friday Farmer’s Market on the Warren Town Common.



Debra Julian of Deer Meadow Farm poured samples of maple syrup and maple cream.



Crochet pumpkins and bracelets were available at the Fountain Farm booth.

hosting a Haunted House at the Shepard Municipal Building gymnasium, 48 High St. Dates for the

haunted house are Saturday Oct. 25, Monday Oct. 27, and Tuesday Oct. 28 from 6:30-8:30 p.m.



ABOVE: Kasey’s 3D Prints was one of the crafters with many creative designs.

LEFT: Halloween is next month, and these decorative 3D prints of ghosts and pumpkins would fit in well.



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## Lions Club International visits Warren

WARREN – The Lions Club International District 33A Global Action Team will be in Warren at Glenda's Pub on Oct. 18.

Residents of Warren expressed interest in having Lions Club International discuss the value of Lions' service and invite guests to join in on the conversation.

Lions Club International is a global nonprofit organization with 100% of all funds taken in by fundraisers and donations. These funds and donations are used for local, statewide, and international causes which include childhood cancer, diabetes, environment, hunger, vision, disaster relief, humanitarian efforts and youth.

Folks are encouraged to learn what Lions can offer residents and their community. Representatives of Lions Club International will discuss community needs and explain what they can do to work together with the community to help accomplish its goals.

This event will be held at Glenda's Pub, located at 948 Main St. on Saturday, Oct. 18 from 1-4 p.m. A light lunch and refreshments will be offered. Contact GLT Curt Jameson at curt6203@gmail.com by Oct. 11.

## Free stress relief program offered at yoga studio

WARREN – The Centered Place in Warren is sponsoring a free Yoga for Stress Relief program Friday, Sept. 19 from 7-8 p.m.

The class will be taught by Swami Shrutananda, a yoga monk who resides at the Svaroop@ Vidya Ashram in Downingtown, Pennsylvania. She travels throughout the U.S., Canada, Australia and Europe.

Swami Shrutananda teaches yoga, meditation, yoga therapy and the sacred texts. She is a teacher trainer at the ashram.

Before becoming a monk, she was a research scientist. In those days, she was experiencing physical pain from stress and pushing her body through extreme sports.

She said, "I had a hard time finding meaning to my life...Yoga and meditation gave my body back to me, plus I have a quieter mind. My life now has meaning and more. It is 'The More' that has inspired me to teach others all the wonders that yoga promises."

Swami Shrutananda will discuss the causes and symptoms of stress. She will then lead you through a few user-friendly yoga poses. In just a few minutes, you will discover how easily you can reduce your stress.

The yoga style she teaches

(as does The Centered Place) is easily accessible and slower-paced. Every pose is customized to your individual needs. No previous yoga experience is required.

To register for this event, or for more information, email phil@thecentered-place.com or call 413 436-7374.

Swami Shrutananda is also presenting a program from 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 20. The program gives you "an adult time-out" – an opportunity to stop the world for a day. Leave your worldly concerns behind and bring a "new you" back into your life. There is a fee for this program. For more information, email phil@thecentered-place.com or call 413-436-7374.

The Centered Place yoga studio has served the local area since 1988. It was founded by Nancy A Nowak, who co-directs and teaches along with her husband, Phil Milgrom. The studio was voted Best in Yoga by Sturbridge Times readers for several consecutive years before the magazine was discontinued.

The physical address of the studio is 286 Bridge St. The web address is www.thecenteredplace.com.

## Sewer Commissioners talked about ongoing and future projects

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WARREN – The Sewer Commissioners began their Sept. 10 meeting by discussing information from Chief Operator Ralph Zebrowski.

Town Administrator James Ferrera spoke on information he received from Zebrowski, who is out on medical leave. The scum pump replacement project is underway and was executed through Tighe & Bond. An ordering phase is currently happening and work is expected to begin sometime in November-December.

The Sewer Commission spoke about the bar rack failure in their previous meeting. One of the components to the bar rack is a grit screw. The town did receive a quote for the replacement of the bar rack, which the preliminary estimate would be \$217,000.

Ferrera is aware that this budget is high and the Sewer Commission may want to consider to start a capital expense funding source for some of their projects. Ferrera feels if the Sewer Commission continues to rely on its retained earnings, there may not be a

lot left to do capital projects.

It is critically important for the Sewer Commission to look at the rates and what they charge. The Commission also wants to refresh their advertisements and hire extra help at the wastewater treatment plant.

Sewer Chair Travis Baker wants to look at capital planning as an option as the equipment at the plant is aging. A lot of the equipment is over 40 years old, according to Baker.

"We really need to start looking at being able to upgrade this stuff and replacing it," Baker said.

### Department head meeting

Baker shared the topics that were discussed at a recent department head meeting. There are plenty of classes through Massachusetts Interlocal Insurance Association staff can take. Members could take some of their courses and some will go over insurance information.

The chair lifts in the Shepard Building were discussed and are still out of order. The Select Board is still figuring out what route to take in repairing or replacing these lifts. The Select Board will have their

meetings bi-weekly.

The budget calendar was discussed, and a new one will be put out soon. Ferrera said this calendar is for departments to follow.

The department head meeting also discussed about the Fall Special Town Meeting, which will be held on Nov. 20. Departments are encouraged to see what they want to put in as an article.

### New business

The Sewer Commissioners talked about a sewer leakage complaint on Washburn Avenue. An email from Zebrowski explained that a camera went up about 53 feet from the lateral to see where the leak is. Workers couldn't tell if it's the lateral on the property or on a neighboring property.

The Health Inspector reviewed the issue and says the sewage is possibly coming from a sinkhole. The incident was called in the previous week by a homeowner of Washburn Avenue. Sewer Commission Secretary Lisa Digris was informed that this has been a recurring issue.

Blockage is happening 53 feet into the pipe, but still isn't sure where lateral is coming from.

### WARREN BOS from page 6

#### School district operations report

The board heard from Quaboag Regional School District Superintendent Stephen Duff on the district operations report. The school year began earlier in the month of September, and professional development was done the year before.

Duff wanted to thank the Police and Fire departments for their help going over safety protocols at the school. Duff also shared statistics for Quaboag, including the school being ranked the #10 best school in Worcester County. Quaboag is also in the top 11% across the entire country.

This is a lot of positive information that Duff says, "our town should be very proud of."

The school is building a new concession stand over by the football field. Duff wanted to thank Fountain & Sons for the good job they've done and helping the school get the project completed. Working bathrooms will also be by the concession stand as well.

There was a 9/11 ceremony held at the fire station. Duff thanked Lavoie for including students of Quaboag's fire academy in the ceremony.

The EMT courses were successful last year at the school. Quaboag had three students certified as EMTs.

Fourteen students of the school's CNA program are now employed as CNAs. The school will be hosting a Trunk or Treat on Oct. 30 this year.

Duff complimented how united he feels the community of Warren is with the strong working relationships between the town, the schools, and the departments.

"Our community is united," Duff says. "Speaks volumes of what we have to offer."

#### Town Administrator's report

Ferrera shared his Town Administrator monthly report for the month of August. Ferrera conducted a department head meeting on

Aug. 6. On the same date, Ferrera met with the Board of Assessors to discuss their plans for staffing and operations of the office.

The eviction was executed at 38 Elm St. with the property being cleaned out. Brush and overgrowth on the property was cut back and the property was listed with a real estate agent.

The 2007 Senior Center wheelchair van was listed on Muncibid and was put up for sale, the van sold for \$5,600 on Aug. 25.

Ferrera met with Board of Selectmen Chair Richard Eichacker, Lavoie and Chief of Police Gerald Millette to discuss other possible options for the next proposed public safety complex public meeting on Sept. 27.

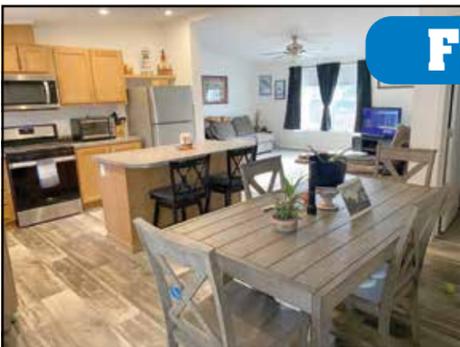
The town is working with Energy Conservation Inc. and the Quaboag Regional School District on a Green Communities application for Warren Community Elementary School for the fall round grant cycle.

Ferrera attended an

administrative board meeting for the newly formed Central Massachusetts Regional 911 District. Discussion continued about acquiring new communities and a new dispatch location.

The town has posted for current vacant Police Officer and Highway Heavy Equipment operator positions. Ferrera also participated in a project kick-off meeting with Tighe & Bond at the Wastewater Treatment Plant for the scum pump replacement project.

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Caitlin McCarthy of GreenWitch Farms in Ware offered a variety of natural and herbal products.



Ware Historical Society President Julie Bullock gave guided tours of the Ware Center Meeting House and Museum.



Laura Lavallee and Ted Gurksi of The Crazy Cat Wood Shop in Palmer stand behind a display of custom pens made from various woods, antlers and more.



Janice Hills is shown at the craft table to benefit the Ware Center Meeting House. Hills knits, sews and quilts a variety of items with all proceeds going to the meeting house.

**FALL FAIR** from page 1

Over 30 vendors and crafters from across the region set up their tables on the green in front of the historic Meeting House, offering shoppers a chance to find a one-of-a-kind item, or get a head-start on their holiday shopping. Nonprofit organizations were also set up to share information about how they serve the community.

This annual event is a fundraiser put on by the Proprietors of the Meeting House and the Ware Historical Society, to provide financial support in order to maintain the historic landmark.

"It all goes to the restoration fund," Proprietor Lynn Lak said.

The Proprietors have recently completed a window project on the building and upgraded the electrical ser-

vice. The electrical work was completed through a donation made by ReSource Waste Services of Ware.

Now, the Proprietors are looking to address an aging ash tree on the property.

Inside the Meeting House, Ware Historical Society President Julie Bullock gave guided tours of the building, and explained each display throughout the rooms. She even gave each participant the chance to ring the bell, which was made by a student of Paul Revere.

Outside, people of all ages (young and old alike) enjoyed singing and dancing with puppeteer Tom Knight, who appeared thanks to funding by the Ware Cultural Council a local agency, which is funded by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

Knight performed fun and fanciful songs in English and Spanish, accompanied by his puppets.

The Proprietors had their own craft table staffed by Janice Hills, featuring her impressive collection of knitted, sewn and quilted items. From pumpkin-shaped hats to quilted table runners, Hills had something for everyone on your shopping list.

All of the proceeds from the craft table go directly to the Meeting House, Hills said.

Hills began crafting when she was taught to knit by her mother as a young child.

She is the craft organizer for the Ware Fall Fair and has been there since it started 20 years ago.

In addition to the craft table, there was a silent auction that spanned multiple tables as well as the front steps of the Meeting House, with all items donated by local businesses and individuals. As the auction prepared to close, shoppers quickly wrote in their last bid in an attempt to bring home the item which caught their eye.

The Ware Knights of Columbus Council 183 was on site cooking up hot dogs and hamburgers to serve the hungry lunch crowd, and DJ Roy Erickson kept the tunes playing throughout the day.

The next fundraising event to benefit the Ware Center Meeting House and Museum is Celebrate the Season (formerly the Ware Tree and Wreath Festival) to be held in the Great Hall of Town Hall, 126 Main St., on Saturday, Dec. 6 and Sunday, Dec. 7 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

For more information, visit warecentermeetinghouse.org; or to donate a decorated tree or wreath, contact Lak by calling 413-967-7223 or emailing llak310@comcast.net.



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Kazmiryr Lagimoniere gets a bump from the back line.

## Renaissance sweeps Ware



Emma Zelesky guides a set toward the net.



Maeve Stevens lunges for low ball.

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SPRINGFIELD – Last Thursday evening, Renaissance made it two sweeps in a row and a tough five-game slump for Ware girls volleyball. Renaissance would defeat the Indians in three straight sets. Ware also fell to Pope Francis by the same score and lost to Granby 3-1 last Monday evening. The Indians are now 1-5. They look to break the losing skid on Sept. 20 against Athol at 12:15 p.m.



Andrea Albano sets to the front line.



Destiny Routhier goes for a serve.



Carly Brown goes for the spike.



Jacoby Dilling is pressured as he holds possession.

## Panthers, Cougars battle to 3-3 draw



Greyson Mullins makes a stop on defense.

WARREN – Last Monday afternoon, Quabbin and Quaboag boys soccer battled it out at Quaboag's home turf with the teams going back and forth before the game ended in a 3-3 tie. For Quabbin, it was their first non-loss of the season and they followed it with their first win 6-1 over West Boylston on Sept. 9. For Quaboag, they are 1-0-1 as they tied Quabbin and then defeated David Prouty last Wednesday 2-0.



Connor Sray goes after the loose ball.

Turley photos by Gregory A. Scibelli

## Extra point makes difference in Pioneers loss

By Tim Peterson  
Sports Correspondent

PALMER—None of the three games that Jordan Talbot played against Palmer High School as a member of the Pathfinder Tech football team were very memorable.

Talbot, who was a quarterback in high school, is currently a first-year assistant coach for the Palmer football team.

The Panthers kicked off the 2025 regular season by squeaking out a 7-6 non-league victory over the Pioneers before a large crowd at historic Legion Field in Palmer, last Friday night.

"It feels good to finally win a game in this series," said Talbot, who graduated from Norwich University last spring where he was a member of the baseball team. "The boys have been practicing very hard during the past couple of weeks preparing for this game."

Jordan Talbot isn't the only member of his family who's a member of the Panthers coaching staff.

His father, Jason, who graduated from Palmer High School in 1992, is beginning his second season as the defensive coordinator under head coach Matt Marciniac,



Caleb Crum heads around tacklers with the ball.

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who also graduated from Palmer High School.

"When I was asked to join this coaching staff, I jumped at the opportunity," said Jordon Talbot, who coaches the quarterbacks and defensive backs. "It's an honor for me to coach on the same team with my dad. He

coached me growing up."

Another first-year Palmer assistant coach is Jeff Pardo, who never lost to Pathfinder on the gridiron while he was wearing a Palmer uniform.

The Panthers, who lost their final four games a year ago, have only lost one game in the cross-town rivalry

series with Pathfinder Tech since 2015.

"Anytime that you can win a rivalry game, it's very important," Marciniac said. "I really enjoy coaching this group of players."

One of the Panthers leading players was junior Griffin Nawrocki, who received

the game ball from the coaching staff following the game.

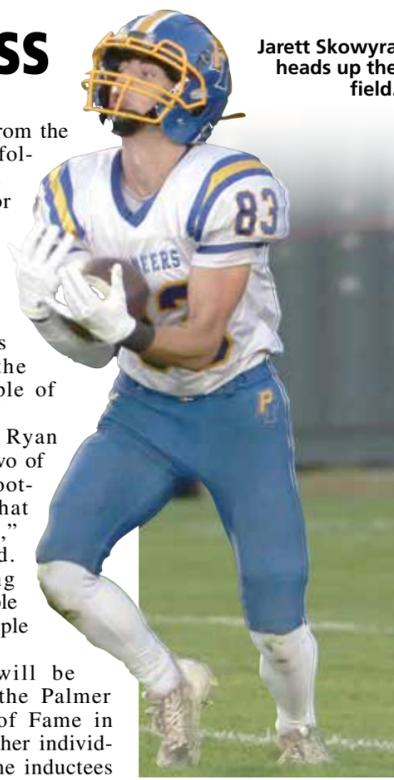
Palmer senior running back Dylan Doherty had surgery on his right thumb last Friday afternoon. He was standing on the sideline a couple of hours later.

"Dylan and Ryan McCarthy are two of the toughest football players that I've coached," Marciniac said. "We're hoping Dylan will be able to play in a couple of weeks."

McCarthy will be inducted into the Palmer Athletic Hall of Fame in October. The other individual Hall of Fame inductees are Charlie Lanzetta, Carl Santos, Joe Ferry, Halie Laviolette, and Brittany North.

While it was an enjoyable evening for the Panthers players and coaches, it was a very different story on the visiting sideline.

Pathfinder Tech, who dropped to 0-2, defeated the Panthers, 33-6, two years ago. They began the 2025 regular



Jarett Skowrya heads up the field.

season a week earlier with a 35-8 non-league loss to Bishop Guertin (NH), which was also held at Legion Field. The Pioneers aren't playing their home games at St. Joe's Field this fall.

"We made a couple of costly mistakes, which

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# sports

## Candlepin League News

By Ryan Drago  
Staff Writer  
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### Bondsville League

WARE – It is week two of the Bondsville candlepin bowling league at Roll-A-Way Lanes.

During week two, Sandri bowled against Fire Mountain on lanes three and four. In game one, Fire Mountain defeated Sandri by a score of 450-430.

In game two, Sandri and Fire Mountain tied with a score of 429-429. Sue Horton of Sandri bowled a 105 in game two. As a result of the tie, each team receives one point.

In game three, Sandri was victorious by a score of 453-417. Ron Gouin of Sandri finished with a 109 during his team's victory. Sandri won total pinfall with a final score of 1312-1296.

Team UMass bowled against Zeke's Freaks in week two. In game one, Zeke's Freaks won by a score of 449-407. In game two, Team UMass defeated Zeke's Freaks by a score of 463-455. Pete Ducharme had a good game of 109.

In game three, Team UMass won the last game by a score of 499-450. The final score was 1369-1354 in favor of Team UMass.

The Ironmen bowled against Nighthawks during week two. In game one, Nighthawks defeated Ironmen by a score of 480-458. Darryl Sinclair of Nighthawks started the match with a 121. His son, Gavin Sinclair, began with a 116. Billy Brunk of Ironmen started off strong with a 131.

In game two, it was a close match as Nighthawks won again by a score of 478-477. Gavin Sinclair had the highest game of 132 in game two.

In game three, Ironmen won the last game by a score of 538-474. The Ironmen team had scores

of 105, 137, 138, and 124 during their third game victory. Brunk had the highest three-game series with a 365. G. Sinclair had a 116 in game three and a series of 364.

Ironmen won total pinfall by a final score of 1473-1432.

The Cannonballs bowled against the Snappers in week two. In game one, Snappers won by a score of 358-344. Sally Czarniecki of Cannonballs had a good game with a 108.

In game two, Snappers won again by a score of 363-357. Glen Goodwin of Snappers had a good game with a 107. Keith Marchesalt of Cannonballs bowled well with 110.

In game three, Snappers won again by a score of 421-337. Kevin Krasnecky of Snappers finished strong with a 138.

The Flaming Bowling Balls bowled against Fabulous Four. In game one, Fabulous Four won by a score of 374-357 (scratch totals). Kristy Temple of the Fabulous Four began the match with a 118.

In game two, Fabulous Four won by a score of 393-367. Paige Stabach of Fabulous Four had a good game of 122. In game three, Flaming Bowling Balls won by a score of 402-387. The final score (scratch) was 1154-1126 in favor of Fabulous Four. The handicap scores will be configured soon.

Another match during week two was between Slow Burners and a newly introduced team, Spare Parts. The results of who won each game are to be determined due to figuring out handicap. As for single games, John Jebb of Spare Parts had a good game during game two with a 107.

In game two, three members of Slow Burners broke the century mark with scores of 113, 111, and 102. Scott Radisic of Slow Burners finished the match with a 108 in the final game.



Maya Putnam is pursued as she heads up the field.



Madelyn Bagg tries to emerge with the ball.

## Quabbin, Quaboag girls end in tie

WARREN – Last Monday evening under the lights at Quaboag Regional High School, both Quabbin and Quaboag managed a goal in 1-1 draw, making it two ties in the doubleheader between the two schools. Quabbin improved to 2-1-1 on the season. Quabbin defeated West



Brielle Gerulaitis makes a throw-in.

Turley photos by Gregory A. Scibelli



Gabriella Riandeau is pressured by a pair of Quabbin defenders.

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allowed them to take the lead late in the first half," said Pathfinder Tech head coach Bill Darling, who also graduated from Palmer High School. "We battled back in the second half and had the opportunity to win the game."

After both teams exchanged punts, the Pioneers offense, which is led by sophomore quarterback Grayson Griswold, put together a drive that lasted more than six minutes.

On the second play of the second quarter, Palmer junior

Dylan Holbrook recovered a fumble at his 16 yard line.

Led by senior QB Matt Santos, the Panthers marched down the field into Pathfinder territory.

That series came to an end following an interception at the Pioneers 14 by senior Jarett Skowryra.

Griswold completed a couple of passes to sophomore Caleb Crum before the Pioneers were forced to punt for the second time with 3:50 left in the first half.

Starting from their own 35, the Panthers put together a six play scoring drive, which was capped off with a four yard touchdown run by freshman Jimmy Sem with 31 seconds remaining on the scoreboard clock.

"Anytime that we can score a touchdown, I'm happy," Marciniec said. "I was very excited when I saw Jimmy score his first touchdown. He spent a lot of time in the weight room during the offseason. He's learning how to play at this level."

Holbrook made the extra point attempt, which wound up being the difference maker in the outcome.

Eighth grader Kenith Brown also contributed offensively for the home team during the first half with a couple of runs and an outstanding 19-yard catch.

Palmer received the second half kickoff, but Pathfinder senior Nick Pfister recovered a fumble on the play at the Panthers 22.

The Pioneers were forced to turn the ball over on downs on fourth down.

Holbrook came very close to sacking the quarterback, who threw an incomplete pass.

The score remained 7-0 until late in the fourth quarter.

Pathfinder Tech sophomore Trevor Alexander scored a 19-yard rushing touchdown with 2:51 left in regulation. The Pioneers attempted a two-point conversion and Brown broke up a pass attempt, which enabled the Panthers to keep the lead.

"We just wanted to take the lead with the two-point conversion play," Darling said. "It just didn't turn out in our favor."

The Pioneers did have one final chance to take the



Turley photos by David Henry www.sweetdogphotos.com  
Grayson Griswold heads toward the sideline.



Jarett Skowryra and Griffin Nawrocki vie for the ball.

lead, but they wound up turning the ball over on downs. Santos took a knee on the final play, which sealed the Panthers season opening victory.

Pathfinder Tech will be looking to get into the win

column when they travel to Westfield High School, who's a Division 4 team, on Friday night.

Palmer will be hosting the David Prouty Panthers for the first time on Friday night.

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Deadline for Calendar submissions is **October 20**.

# Ware Fall Fair



Madison Fischetto of Springfield is the creative mind behind MoodyXandra, making miniature art and polymer clay items.



Tom Knight and his puppets performed "Alligator Jump" at the annual Ware Fall Fair held at the Ware Center Meeting House and Museum this past Saturday.



These colorful hats were knitted by Janice Hills.



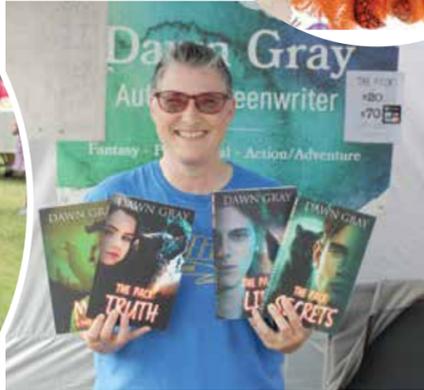
These cutting board were made by Bernie Wilson of B & D Enterprises, using repurposed materials.

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Billie Grace danced along to "Alligator Jump" as puppeteer Tom Knight performed.



RIGHT: Chicopee resident Nancy Depot of Nancy's Door Décor made this festive Halloween wreath.



Ware author Dawn Gray displayed her book series "The Pack" at the Ware Fall Fair.



Crystal Cox of Crystal's Chocolates & More from Wilbraham offered a variety of sweet treats.

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## Ware Police Log

During the week of Sept. 8-15, the Ware Police Department responded to 24 miscellaneous calls, 21 administrative calls, seven traffic violations, 15 emergency 911 calls, seven motor vehicle accidents, six harassments, one theft/larceny, two trespasses, two fraud/deceptions, one breaking and entering, three safety hazards, 11 animal calls and 43 motor vehicle stops in the town of Ware.

**Monday, Sept. 8**  
1:06 a.m. Assault, Pleasant Street, Report Made  
6:09 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Palmer Road, Citation/Warning Issued  
7:07 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, West Street, Citation/Warning Issued  
8:29 a.m. Harassment/Stalk/Threat, Otis Avenue, Advised  
9:14 a.m. Fraud/Deception, North Street, Services Rendered  
9:21 a.m. Safety Hazard, West Street, Services Rendered  
11:06 a.m. Trespass, Palmer Road, Advised  
3:37 p.m. Traffic Incident/Crash, West Street, Services Rendered  
4:26 p.m. Suspicious, Osborne Road, Report Made

**Tuesday, Sept. 9**  
12:10 a.m. Traffic Incident/Crash, Church Street, Report Made  
12:34 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, West Main Street, Investigated  
12:39 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Pulaski Street, Dispatch Handled  
4 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Sky View Drive, Services Rendered  
7:01 p.m. Traffic Incident/Crash, West Street, Could Not Locate

**Wednesday, Sept. 10**  
7:19 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation/Warning Issued  
4:03 p.m. Fraud/Deception, North Street, Services Rendered

**Thursday, Sept. 11**  
8:05 a.m. Harassment/Stalk/Threat, Hillside Terrace, Advised  
8:47 a.m. Suspicious, West Street, Services Rendered  
10:15 a.m. Traffic Violation, Chestnut Street, Citation/Warning Issued  
12:51 p.m. Traffic Incident/Crash, North Street, Advised  
4:33 p.m. Trespass, North Street, Advised

**Friday, Sept. 12**  
12:12 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Palmer Road, Could Not Locate  
12:20 a.m. Disturbance, Hillside Village, Services Rendered  
1:57 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Bondsville Road, Services Rendered  
5:09 a.m. Safety Hazard, Pleasant Street, Citation/Warning Issued  
6:16 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, West Street, Citation/Warning Issued  
6:55 a.m. Suspicious, South Street, Citation/Warning Issued  
9:47 a.m. Harassment/Stalk/Threat, Fisherick Road, Advised  
12:23 p.m. Traffic Incident/Crash, Highland Village, Report Made  
5:15 p.m. Traffic Incident/Crash, West Street, Report Made

**Saturday, Sept. 13**  
7:19 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Church Street, Arrest Made

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1:50 p.m. Assault, North Street, Assist Given  
5:52 p.m. Harassment/Stalk/Threat, Buckley Court, Advised  
7:40 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Warebrook Drive, Patient Refusal

**Sunday, Sept. 14**  
6:31 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, West Street, Citation/Warning Issued  
10:08 a.m. Safety Hazard, Aspen Street, Unfounded  
11:39 a.m. Harassment/Stalk/Threat, West Main Street, Advised  
12:15 p.m. Traffic Incident/Crash, West Street, Services Rendered  
3:39 p.m. Breaking and Entering, North Street, Investigated  
5:33 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, West Main Street, Investigated  
6:04 p.m. Suspicious, Elm Street, Services Rendered

**Monday, Sept. 15**  
2:34 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Gould Road, Services Rendered  
4:42 p.m. Theft/Larceny, Palmer Road, Assist Given  
5:55 p.m. Harassment/Stalk/Threat, West Main Street, Advised

## Warren Police Log

During the week of Sept. 1-6, the Warren Police Department responded to 107 building/property checks, 12 community policings, 10 emergency 911 calls, two complaints, one motor vehicle accident, one safety hazard, two fraud/forgeries, one larceny/theft, two animal calls and 38 motor vehicle stops in the town of Warren.

**Monday, Sept. 1**  
12:17 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
1:35 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Southbridge Road, Written Warning  
5:10 a.m. Chest Pain/Heart Problem, Burbank Avenue, Transported to Hospital  
6:27 p.m. Sick/Unknown, Brimfield Road, Transported to Hospital  
8:42 p.m. Noise Complaint, Maple Street, Officer Spoke to Party

**Tuesday, Sept. 2**  
3:53 a.m. Sick/Unknown, Brimfield Road, Transported to Hospital  
8:47 a.m. Motor Vehicle Accident, Main Street, Report Filed  
9:07 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
10 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Criminal Complaint  
11:12 a.m. Safety Concern, Keys Road, Transported to Hospital  
12:36 p.m. Chest Pain/Heart Problem, Crouch Road, Transported to Hospital  
2:10 p.m. Chest Pain/Heart Problem, Coy Hill Road, Transported to Hospital

**Wednesday, Sept. 3**  
2:44 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Southbridge Road, Citation Issued

**Thursday, Sept. 4**  
1:06 a.m. Assist Other Police Department, Cronin Road, Dispatch Handled  
9:30 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
9:38 a.m. Unconscious/Unresponsive/Syncope, Mechanic Street, Transported to Hospital  
10:11 a.m. Fraud/Forgery, Winthrop Terrace, Officer Spoke to Party  
10:52 a.m. Allergic Reaction, Brimfield Road, Mutual Aid Transport  
11:17 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Highland Street, Written Warning  
11:35 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
11:55 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
12:47 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning

1:01 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Old West Brookfield Road, Written Warning  
1:26 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Old West Brookfield Road, Written Warning  
2:10 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Old West Brookfield Road, Written Warning  
2:27 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Old West Brookfield Road, Written Warning  
3:25 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
3:32 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
3:42 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
4:09 p.m. Welfare Check, Winthrop Terrace, Ambulance Signed Refusal  
4:35 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
4:49 p.m. Fraud/Forgery, Bemis Road, Report Filed  
5:01 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
5:08 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Old West Brookfield Road, Written Warning  
6 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
6:08 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Street, Written Warning  
7:34 p.m. Motor Vehicle

Stop, Boston Post Road, Written Warning  
7:39 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Washington Street, Written Warning  
7:51 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
7:54 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
8:08 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
8:28 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, High Street, Written Warning  
8:42 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued  
8:51 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
9:01 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
9:15 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
9:20 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Prospect Street, Removed to Court/Lockup

**Friday, Sept. 5**  
9:42 a.m. Sick/Unknown, Quaboag Street, Mutual Aid Transport  
9:53 a.m. Sick/Unknown, Main Street, Transported to Hospital  
11:49 a.m. Larceny/Theft, Milton O. Fountain Way, Officer Spoke to Party  
7:20 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued  
8:35 p.m. Noise Complaint, Old West Warren Road, Information Taken

**Saturday, Sept. 6**  
1:07 p.m. Sick/Unknown, Main Street, Transported to Hospital  
3:07 p.m. Fire/Power Lines, Washington Street, Referred to Other Agency  
3:47 p.m. Fire/Power Lines, Old West Brookfield Road, Removed from Scene  
3:55 p.m. Tree Incidents, Nelson Street, Investigated  
4:05 p.m. Tree Incidents, Brimfield Road, Investigated  
4:08 p.m. Fire/Power Lines, New Reed Street, Referred to Other Agency  
4:43 p.m. Fire/Power Lines, Washington Street, Referred to Other Agency  
10:35 p.m. Open Door/Window, Main Street, Report Filed

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**Great AMERICAN MUSCLE Car Show**  
First ever car show pays tribute to U.S. horsepower  
By Paula Oshette  
PALMER - Car enthusiasts celebrated the nation's independence and American muscle heritage at the first ever Great American Muscle Car Show held at the Palmer Motorsport Park this past weekend.  
Hundreds of American muscle cars were on display, including classic cars, hot rods and custom cars. The event was sponsored by Sara Paul Lincoln and Palmer Motorsport Park. It was the Valley's Classic Hots 97 event, a hot rod and muscle car show and played the role of a fundraiser for the Palmer Motorsport Park.  
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**Residents discuss concerns about rail trail usage**  
By Paula Oshette  
WARREN - Schoolboard Vice-Chair John Kuntz and his wife, Patricia, recently contacted about concerns regarding the use of the Main Street Rail Trail in the area of Ashdale Court.  
At the Schoolboard's July 1 meeting, Kuntz shared his concerns and asked for the Schoolboard's support in addressing the concerns. He expressed his concerns about the trail's use as a parking lot for cars and trucks, the noise and dust from the trail, and the potential for safety issues. He also mentioned the trail's use as a dog park and the potential for dog waste on the trail.  
The Schoolboard members discussed the concerns and agreed to look into the issues. They will be meeting with the town and the rail trail authority to discuss the concerns and find a solution.  
Photo by TRAIL, page 3

**Wingmasters visit Hardwick for Summer Reading**  
HARDWICK - A very special program was held on June 20 at the Town House in Hardwick. The program was a reading session for children and adults. The program was held at the Hardwick Public Library. The program was sponsored by the Wingmasters. The program was held at the Hardwick Public Library. The program was sponsored by the Wingmasters. The program was held at the Hardwick Public Library. The program was sponsored by the Wingmasters.  
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**ConCom held public hearing**  
By Paula Oshette  
WARREN - The Conservation Commission met on July 1 for a public hearing for a lot off Church Road.  
Presenting the project on the lot on the site were the Conservation Commission members. The project consists of a lot off Church Road. The project consists of a lot off Church Road. The project consists of a lot off Church Road. The project consists of a lot off Church Road.  
Photo by CONCOM, page 5

**Selectboard, residents discuss the use of trust funds**  
By Paula Oshette  
WARREN - Several selectboard members attended the July 1 meeting to discuss the use of trust funds.  
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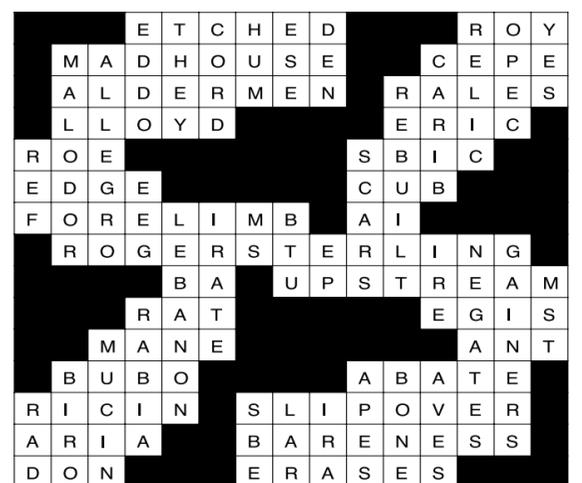
**Questions needed for 'Meet the Candidates' forum**  
By Paula Oshette  
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**Dan Flynn**  
413-297-5886  
dflynn@turley.com

## EQLT to hold harvest dinner

HARDWICK - East Quabbin Land Trust, 120 Ridge Road, will hold a harvest dinner on Sunday, Oct. 5 from 4-7 p.m. at the Petersham Town Hall, Main Street, Rte. 32, Petersham.  
This supper will be to support and to celebrate building improvements at the Petersham Country Store. There will be a silent auction. Tickets are \$35 per person purchased before Sept. 29 or \$45 at the door. Children 10 and under are \$20. Dinner will be served at 5 p.m. The menu includes chick-

en stew with potpie topping (vegetarian option available), roasted harvest vegetables with rice and apple crisp with donated apples from Pease Orchard.  
Live music is at 5 p.m. by the Evening Standard Jazz. There is a cash bar with donated beverages from Berkshire Brewing, Red Apple Farm and Stone Cow Brewery.  
To purchase tickets online, people may visit <https://crm.nonprofiteasy.com/8133/Pages/Events/Details/14677/>.



# USDA urges checking trees for Asian longhorned beetle

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service is asking the public to look for and report signs of the Asian longhorned beetle.

APHIS declares August is "Tree Check Month" and asks everyone to look for signs of this destructive, invasive beetle by checking trees on their property and in their community for damage. Left unchecked, ALB can cause infested trees to die.

"August is an ideal time of year to look for the beetle and the damage it causes," said Josie Ryan, APHIS' National Operations Manager for the ALB Eradication Program. "Adult beetles are emerging now. You can see them on trees and other nearby items. Finding and reporting infested trees early means we can save more trees."

The ALB is a wood-boring beetle that attacks 12 types of hardwood trees. The insect prefers maple trees, but it also likes to attack birches, buckeyes, elms and willows. Sometimes it attacks ash, golden rain tree, katsura, London plane tree, mimosa, mountain ash and poplar. Infested trees become safety hazards. Branches can drop and trees can fall over, especially during storms.

In its larval stage, the insect feeds deep inside tree trunks and branches. It creates tunnels as it feeds. Then as an adult, the beetle chews its way out, creating 3/4-inch round exit holes. Once the beetles exit a tree, they feed on its leaves and bark before mating, laying eggs and starting another generation of tree-killing beetles.

The adult beetle has markings that are easy to recognize: A shiny, black body with white spots. Its body



Submitted Photo

These invasive Asian longhorned beetles are on seen on an infested tree.

is about one inch to one 1/2 inches long. Black and white antennae that are longer than its body. Six legs and feet that can appear bluish.

Signs that a tree might be infested include: Round exit holes in tree trunks and branches about the size of a dime or smaller. Egg sites or chewed spots, on the bark about the size of a quarter. Sap may weep out from these. Sawdust-like material called frass found on the tree, ground or tree branches.

Branches or limbs dying or falling from an otherwise healthy-looking tree.

Look for and report any sightings of the beetle, or the tree damage it causes. And don't move materials that the beetle may be in, such as firewood. Doing this can keep infestations from spreading to new locations.

Report signs of ALB: If people think they found a beetle or tree damage, report it by calling the ALB hotline at 1-866-702-9938. Or submit an online report through the Asian longhorned beetle website. Try to photograph the beetle or tree damage. If they can, capture the beetle in a durable container and freeze it. This helps preserve the insect for identification.

For those who live in an ALB quarantine area, keep ALB from spreading by following state and federal laws. These laws restrict the movement of woody material and untreated firewood, as they could contain ALB.

For more information about ALB and program activities, people may call 1-866-702-993 or visit [www.aphis.usda.gov/plant-pests-diseases/alb](http://www.aphis.usda.gov/plant-pests-diseases/alb).

ALB arrived in the United States in the 1990's in untreated wood shipping crates. Despite eliminating this pest from Illinois and New Jersey, the 30 plus year battle continues in Massachusetts, New York, Ohio and South Carolina. ALB is just one example of the costly and destructive biological threats our country faces.

In July, Secretary Rollins announced USDA's National Farm Security Action Plan, which elevates agriculture as a key element of our nation's national security and calls for aggressive action to safeguard plant and animal health. This includes protecting our country's vast and pristine forests from unintentional and deliberate foreign biological threats.

# Electronics recycling event to be held Oct. 25

STURBRIDGE – The Federated Church of Sturbridge & Fiskdale will host an electronics recycling event with Green Day Recycling on Saturday, Oct. 25 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. in the church parking lot, 8 Maple St.

Residents of all towns are welcome to bring their electronic items to be recycled, and the event will be held rain or shine.

The following items can be recycled for a cost: \$5 – computer towers, laptops, DVD players, VCRs, small printers, stereos, radios, alarm clocks, speakers, video game consoles, table lamps, fans, hair dryers, curling irons, projectors, paper shredders, power tools, drills, cameras, clocks, trophies, frying pans, holiday lights and other small electronics.

For \$10 – small household appliances, vacuum cleaners/RoboVac, toaster ovens, ceiling fans, floor lamps, air fryers, electric grills, hot plates, small radiators, keyboard pianos, coffee makers, ice makers, small garbage disposals, sewing machines and car seats.

For \$20 – flat screen computer monitors, micro-waves, dehumidifiers, air

conditioners, water coolers, large printers/copiers, leaf blowers, chainsaws, heat lamps, artificial Christmas trees, fire extinguishers and empty propane tanks.

For \$25 – TVs up to 26 inches, CRT monitors, outdoor grill and dorm sized refrigerators.

For \$30 – TVs between 26 inches and 35 inches, white goods, washing machines, dryers, stoves, dishwashers, large appliances, large yard equipment, treadmills, exercise equipment, snowblowers, lawnmowers, rototillers, large generators, motors and water tanks.

For \$35 – TVs over 36 inches, large refrigerators and ride-on lawn mowers and for \$40 – projector TVs.

Cash is preferred, but payment via Venmo or check (over \$30) is also accepted.

The following items will be accepted for free, with cash donations appreciated: bicycles (reusable), cell phones, keyboards, tablets, video game media and accessories, wires, cables, batteries, chargers and VHS/DVDs.

For more information, email [greendayrecycling@gmail.com](mailto:greendayrecycling@gmail.com)

# CNEER hosts Fall Festival at the Farm Sept. 27

WEST BROOKFIELD – Central New England Equine Rescue, 96 New Braintree Road, will host its annual Fall Festival at the Farm on Saturday, Sept. 27 from noon-4 p.m.

Come and share with CNEER over 20 years of community support rescuing horses. There will be pony rides, face painting, pumpkin decorating, local vendors, delicious food, drinks and desserts.

Deux Amis will provide live folk and jazz music. The Hampden Mounted Police will also be present.

# Holy Cross church hosts school supply drive

WARE – Holy Cross PNCC is collecting school supplies to be donated to students at local Ware schools.

Donations can be brought to Holy Cross PNCC, 61 Maple St., on Sunday mornings during the 8 a.m. Holy Mass, after Mass in the Church Hall, or anytime to the rectory located on the right side of the church.

# Ware Cultural Council seeks funding proposals for 2026

WARE – The Ware Cultural Council is accepting applications from organizations, schools, and individuals to apply for grants supporting cultural community activities for 2026.

The deadline for filing applications begins Sept. 2 and ends on Oct. 16, 2025.

This year the Ware Cultural Council will distribute \$11,900 in grants to fund artistic projects and activities, including exhibits, festivals, field trips, short-term artistic residences, performances in school, workshops, and lectures. The council thanks the Massachusetts State Legislature for providing

annual funds to each of the 351 local cultural councils in the Commonwealth.

For local guidelines and complete information on the Ware Cultural Council contact Aileen O'Regan at [wareculturalcouncil@yahoo.com](mailto:wareculturalcouncil@yahoo.com). Application forms are available on [www.massculturalcouncil.org](http://www.massculturalcouncil.org) - then scroll down and select Local Cultural Council Programs.

The mission of the Ware Cultural Council is to promote, encourage, and facilitate the arts, plays, music and interpretive sciences for the enjoyment of Ware citizens of all ages.

# 6th annual Cars & Coffee show is Sept. 27

WARE – The 6th annual Hawkman Cars & Coffee show will be held on Saturday, Sept. 27 from 10

a.m.-1 p.m. at McDonald's, 117 West St.

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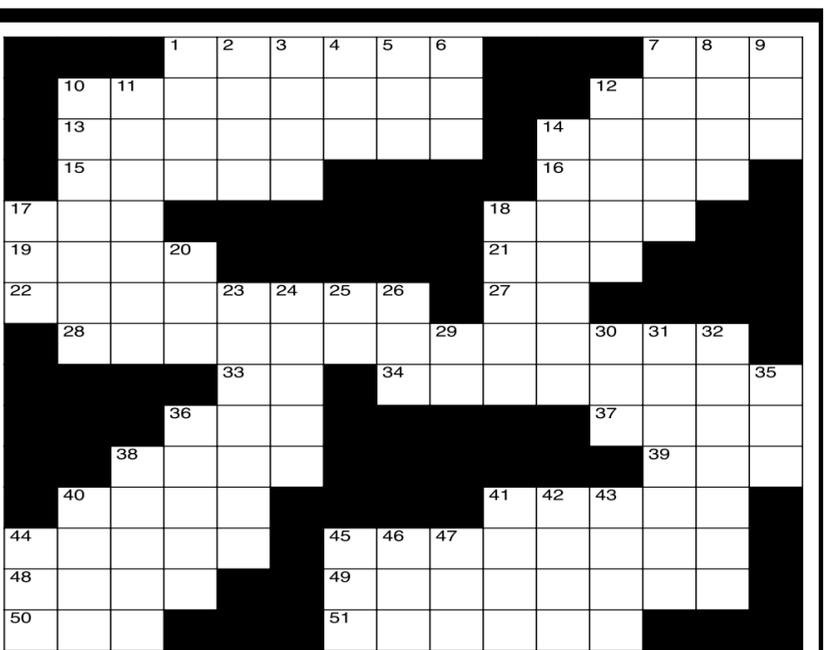
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Ware River News will be saluting our local veterans (from all wars and branches, including honoring deceased veterans), reservists, active duty U.S. Military members.

Please submit a photo of your veteran with his or her name, rank, branch of military and hometown by email to [dflynn@turley.com](mailto:dflynn@turley.com) or drop off a photo to Ware River News, 80 Main Street, Ware, MA 01082. All photos will be returned.

Please submit your photo no later than Monday, October 13, 2025.

There is no cost to submit a photo. No photos will be accepted after deadline. If you would like to use a prior submitted photo, please contact Dan Flynn no later than October 13th (413) 297-5886.



- CLUES ACROSS**
- 1. Carved into
  - 7. \_\_\_ Rogers, cowboy
  - 10. Unruly locale
  - 12. Edible mushroom
  - 13. Influential noblemen
  - 14. Rattling breaths
  - 15. David \_\_\_ George, Brit. P.M.
  - 16. Musician Clapton
  - 17. Small Eurasian deer
  - 18. Invests in little enterprises
  - 19. Perimeter
  - 21. Chicago ballplayer
  - 22. Animal body part
  - 27. It's everywhere these days
  - 28. Fictional ad exec
  - 33. Mr. T character
  - Baracus
  - 34. Against the current
  - 36. Subway rodent
  - 37. Armor plate
  - 38. Hair on the head
  - 39. Strong insect
  - 40. Swollen lymph node
  - 41. A way to lessen
  - 44. Walter White
  - 45. Sleeveless garment
  - 48. Long accompanied song
  - 49. Without features
  - 50. Yankee great
  - 51. Removes from record
  - CLUES DOWN**
  - 1. Root of taro plant
  - 2. Those ones
  - 3. Appliances have one
  - 4. A way to sing
  - 5. Midway between east and southeast
  - 6. Animal dwelling
  - 7. An object that as survived from the past
  - 8. Oil cartel
  - 9. Affirmative
  - 10. Foul smell
  - 11. Brisk tempo
  - 12. S. American indigenous person
  - 14. Restored
  - 17. Official
  - 18. Skin lesions
  - 20. Electro-encephalograph
  - 23. Middle Eastern country
  - 24. Extremely angry
  - 25. Title used before a woman's name
  - 26. British thermal unit
  - 29. By the way (abbr.)
  - 30. Anger
  - 31. Nullifies
  - 32. Ones who acquire
  - 35. Time zone
  - 36. Arabic name
  - 38. Protein in mucus
  - 40. Ballpoint pen
  - 41. Mimics
  - 42. Humans have a lot of it
  - 43. Expressions of good wishes
  - 44. Cool!
  - 45. One point east of due south
  - 46. City of Angels football team (abbr.)
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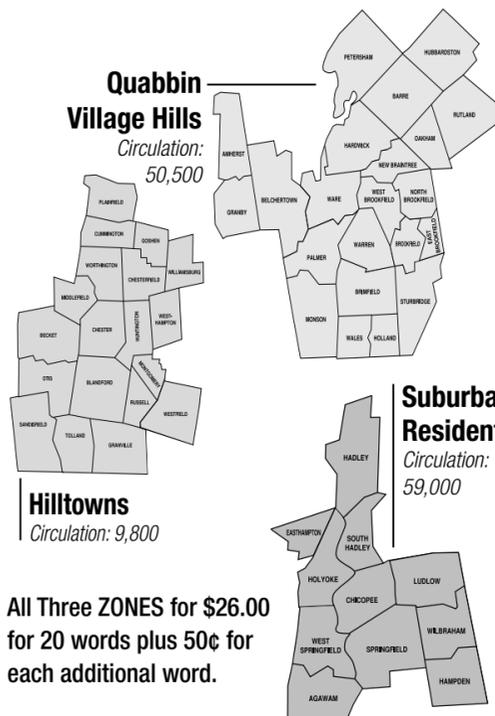
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**UPDATE** from page 1

Having found these discrepancies, Caggiano believes the town will have an increase in free cash.

"Make sure we're cleaned up going forward," Caggiano said.

The board members asked if they could see a copy of the spreadsheet showing all the discrepancies found. Caggiano will make some edits first and email the spreadsheet to the members of the Select Board.

**Appointment of Officer Joel Wilson**

The Select Board heard from Police Chief Kevin Landine about appointing Joel Wilson to a full-time police officer position for the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department. Landine spoke highly of Wilson, who is a 12-year veteran in law enforcement. The Town of

New Braintree appointed him already.

The board voted to appoint Wilson as a full-time police officer.

**Old business**

The board members talked about Zekos Auction Group. Caggiano attached a copy of the contract that was approved back in September of 2024 and a vote was taken with a member of the board that missed the meeting.

Select Board Vice-Chair William Tinker recalls that the board agreed to hire the company's services, but felt there was no contract. Caggiano said this is a matter of "where do we go from here" and possibly connect with Zekos Auction Group.

Mark Korzec of the Finance Committee was brought up to possibly have the opportunity to negotiate with Zekos. The board members want to hear from

Korzec first and invite him to the next Select Board meeting.

**Round table discussion**

The Select Board had a round table discussion and Tinker asked about open discussions. Thinking about goals for the board and for the town, the Select Board thought of topics to discuss.

The board members want to put a working meeting on the agenda and have goal setting discussions during the Select Board meetings. This appears to be more of a workshop agenda and Caggiano was looking for clarification.

"There has to be something on a workshop agenda," Caggiano said.

This meeting will be televised, and the public is welcome to be part of the discussions that have a focus on future plans for Hardwick.

The Select Board will

have a meeting with the New Braintree Select Board and discuss the way they share the police department. This meeting will be held in New Braintree on Wednesday, Oct. 1 at 6:30 p.m.

**Special events in Hardwick**

The Select Board voted and approved the following events that are happening in Hardwick. The Hardwick Rod & Gun Club will be hosting their Haunted Forest event on Oct. 4. The Hardwick Winery is hosting the 1st Alarm Event on Oct. 11. A special event known as the Old Cemetery Ghost Walk will be held on Oct. 11, with a rain date of Oct. 12.

Trick or treating will be held on Halloween, Friday, Oct. 31 during the hours of 5-8 p.m. Landine explained the time changes prior to the Select Board's vote on the trick or treating hours.

**RESULTS**

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of yours, neighbors, people you work with, and in a sense, it's not going to change anything," Winslow said of the release of the results.

Winslow said these people have a right to be protected and that anything potentially determined to be criminal would have gone to the state if it were found.

Winslow said the independent investigation served a purpose and was not a waste of money.

"Let's think of other people...it's worth it to keep people safe, keep people from being sued," Winslow said.

School Committee member Aaron Sawabi said there are some things that cannot be revealed to members of the public.

School Committee Vice-Chair Michael DuBois spoke against the release of the results, saying that those that came forward to participate in the investigation needed to be protected.

Winslow said the community should now focus on moving forward and making positive changes for the students. He will consult with legal counsel to determine if a redacted version of the results could be released or not.

"We need to move on," Winslow said. "We need to start focusing ourselves on the students of Ware...It's our responsibility to make things better for students."

Teacher Allison Biron said there are a lot of unanswered questions and even though Lovato is gone, they have no closure, which they need in order to heal.

**Mahmoud decision**

Interim Superintendent Michael Wood said a recent

Supreme Court ruling allows parents to opt out of any courses or activities that use LGBTQ+ materials that infringe on their religious freedoms. He said the school district's attorney has provided an "opt out" worksheet for parents to complete, which will be available online.

School Committee member Melissa Whitham said the ruling does not prohibit these books from being in the library; they just can't be used as part of a lesson without notifying parents. She said teachers don't need to be afraid to talk about LGBTQ+ people or people with disabilities.

"This is the first step in a very slippery slope," she said of the Mahmoud decision. "We as a community need to make it known that while we support parents and their religious beliefs... we do not support it being weaponized to keep these messages out of the hands of all children, just yours... but you can't stop other kids from hearing these messages."

Sawabi agreed with Whitham and said people should not have fear.

"The school is going to proceed with its curriculum decisions based on guidance from the state; based on teacher input, etc.," Sawabi said. "This is all about the dignity of our students, of our staff, of our community."

**Superintendent's report**

Wood said it has been a good start to the school year and there is a lot of energy in all three schools. He said the schools are well staffed, and there are only about four vacant positions campus-wide.

"Hopefully we will have those filled as soon as possible," Wood said.

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Wood said the school district's food service team is fully staffed for the first time since 2022.

Wood said there are a total of 1,067 students enrolled in the school district, and they are still enrolling more. He said there are 395 students at Stanley M. Koziol Elementary School, 252 at Ware Middle School and 420 at Ware Jr./Sr. High School.

Wood said he has begun meeting with town officials, as well as looking into the new cost of the chiller replacement in the high school. He said it is expected to now cost about \$650,000, which is more than what was previously approved by voters at a town meeting.

"We will have another vote for additional funds for this fall town meeting," he said.

Wood said there are a number of capital projects the School Committee will need to focus on, including school roofs and athletic fields. This includes drainage issues at the baseball and softball field.

"They should get into a plan so the town is aware of them," he said.

Wood said Kid Stop is now open, but the school district needs to have a lease agreement with that organization. He is working to compile the necessary documents in order to bring before the School Committee for approval.

Wood said he is starting to meet with the leadership team and the operations team, as well as union representatives for the teachers and paraprofessionals and custodians.

**Registration open for EQLT's Station Loop Ramble**

NEW BRAINTREE – The East Quabbin Land Trust will hold its 14th annual Station Loop Ramble on Sunday, Oct. 19 beginning at 9:30 a.m. with the start on Depot Road at the intersection of West and Hardwick Roads on part of the Mass. Central Rail Trail.

This is a new course due to construction. The five mile classic is a hilly road race with a flat fast finish on Hardwick Road. The Kids Run and 5K run/walk are entirely on a flat course on the Mass Central Rail Trail.

Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. The race begins and ends at the site of the former New Braintree Train Station, travels past scenic farmland, through deep woods and skirts the Ware River. Adults must accompany children running this course. Each mile is marked and mid-run water supply is provided.

Start times are 9:30 a.m. for five and under 200 foot dash and 9:40 a.m. for the 1/4 mile 6-12 year old run. The 5K starts at 10 a.m. and the 5 mile classic at 10:05 a.m.

There will be post race refreshments, games, entertainment and more. Award ceremony is at 11 a.m. Entry fee is free for ages 5 and under, \$10 for ages 6-12, \$25 early bird online registration by Friday, Oct. 17 (10% discount for seniors, veterans and first responders) and \$30 day of race. A family registration for up to six members is \$35.

For more information, people may visit [www.EQLT.org/station-loop-ramble/](http://www.EQLT.org/station-loop-ramble/) or call 413-477-8229.

**public notices**

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
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Worcester Probate and Family Court  
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(508)831-2200  
Docket No.  
WO25C0468CA  
In the matter of:  
Sarah Jo Gaumond  
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TO CHANGE NAME**

A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by Sarah Jo Gaumond of Gilbertville, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to:  
**Sarah Jo Savicki**  
**IMPORTANT NOTICE**  
Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: **Worcester Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 09/30/2025.**

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.

WITNESS, Hon. **Leilah A Keamy**, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: September 04, 2025  
**Stephanie Fattman**, Register of Probate  
09/18/2025

**TOWN OF WARREN  
NOTICE OF  
PUBLIC HEARING**

In accordance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 166 Section 22, a public hearing will take place for consent to install 5 JO Poles on Cronin Rd beginning at a point approximately 0 feet north of the centerline of the intersection of Southbridge Rd @ Cronin Rd and continuing approximately 3,632 feet in a north direction. Additionally, to Relocate 2 JO Poles on Cronin Rd, Pole #21 to opposite side of the road and Pole #28 approximately 50' south toward Pole #27. This hearing will be on **Thursday, September 25th, 2025, Shepard Building 48 High St. Warren, at 6:00PM.** You may attend our meetings via Zoom:  
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By Phone: +1 646 558 8656  
Richard Eichacker, Chairman  
Board of Selectmen  
09/11, 09/18/2025

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Worcester, MA 01604

Vehicle description: 2002 Buell Blast motorcycle  
Registration#/State: NONE  
VIN: 4MZKP13C523502211  
Name and address of owner: Michael Day  
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Antonio Marcello  
298 Farm St.  
Bellingham, MA 02019  
By: James M. Regin  
Dated: 9/4/2025  
09/11, 09/18, 09/25/2025

**Warren Housing Authority INVITES SEALED BIDS**

The Warren Housing Authority, the Awarding Authority, invites sealed bids from Contractors for the Elderly 667-1, Development for the Warren Housing Authority in Warren, Massachusetts, in accordance with the documents prepared by GCE Architecture.

The Project consists of: Vacant Unit renovation including new flooring, kitchen & bath renovation, lighting, fans, appliances and asbestos abatement.

The work is estimated to cost **\$60,000.00**

Bids are subject to M.G.L. c.149 §44A-J & to minimum wage rates as required by M.G.L. c.149 §§26 to 27H inclusive.

**General Bids will be received until 1:00 p.m., Friday October 10, 2025 and publicly opened, forthwith.**

All Bids should be delivered to: [www.Projectdog.com](http://www.Projectdog.com) online. **Hard copy bids will not be accepted** by the Awarding Authority. E-Bid tutorials and

instructions are available within the specifications and online at [www.Projectdog.com](http://www.Projectdog.com). For assistance, call Projectdog, Inc at (978)499-9014, M-F 8:30AM 5PM and received no later than the date & time specified above.

General bids shall be accompanied by a bid deposit that is not less than five (5%) of the greatest possible bid amount (considering all alternates) and made payable to the **Warren Housing Authority**.

Bid Forms and Contract Documents will be available for pick-up at: [www.Projectdog.com](http://www.Projectdog.com) or for pick-up at: Projectdog, Inc, 18 Graf Road, Suite 8 Newburyport, MA 978-499-9014 {M-F 8:30AM-5PM}. Enter Project Code **870831** in the project locator box. Select **"Acquire Documents"** to download documents, review a hard copy at Projectdog's physical location, or request a free project CD.

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**The job site and/or existing building will be available for inspection between 10 A.M. and 11 A.M. on Tuesday September 23, 2025.**

For an appointment call : no appointments will be taken.  
09/18/2025



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